

Amendments to the specification:

On page 1, line 2, please amend the heading as follows:

Background ~~Information~~ of the Invention

On page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The present invention is directed to a switching device ~~according to the~~
~~definition of the species in Claim 1.~~

On page 1, line 20, please amend the heading as follows:

Advantages Summary of the Invention

On page 4, line 13, please amend the heading as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings ~~Drawing~~